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PORTRAIT UNVEILING HONORING JUSTICE FREDERICK L. BROWN (RET.)



Panel members (L-R): **Associate Justices Kenneth V. Desmond, Jr., Gabrielle R. Wolohojian, Frederick L. Brown (ret.), Chief Justice Mark V. Green,** and **Associate Justices Peter J. Rubin and Diana L. Maldonado (ret.).**



On October 18, 2023, the Massachusetts Appeals Court and the Justice Harry J. Elam Judicial Conference (formerly known as the Massachusetts Black Judges Conference) unveiled a portrait of the **Honorable Frederick L. Brown**, retired Justice of the Appeals Court, to be displayed in the Allan M. Hale Courtroom. Justice Brown was joined on the bench by **Chief Justice Mark V. Green**, speaking on behalf of the Appeals Court, **Associate Justices Peter J. Rubin** and **Gabrielle R. Wolohojian**, speaking as colleagues and friends, **Associate Justice Kenneth V. Desmond, Jr.**, Master of Ceremonies and President of the Justice Harry J. Elam Judicial Conference, and **Associate Justice Diana L. Maldonado (ret.)**, speaking as a former law clerk to Justice Brown. Distinguished speakers contributed remarks regarding the momentous career and legacy of Justice Brown, a thorough and adept jurist and the first African American to reach the Massachusetts appellate bench.

Many dignitaries from the judiciary, former law clerks to Justice Brown, including **Honorable Raheem L. Mullins** of the Connecticut Supreme Judicial Court, and members of the Legislature and



the bar attended the special ceremony. The event was [recorded and can be viewed on the Appeals Court YouTube channel.](#)

APPELLATE BENCH-BAR CONFERENCE DECEMBER 13, 2023



The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and the Appeals Court, in cooperation with the Flaschner Judicial Institute, hosted an [Appellate Bench-Bar Conference](#) at the John Adams Courthouse on December 13, 2023.



JUSTICE KENNETH V. DESMOND, JR. CONNECTS WITH STUDENTS

On November 29, 2023, **Justice Kenneth V. Desmond, Jr.** responded to an invite from Discovering Justice to meet with sixth and seventh grade mock trial students with his own invitation for the students from Mattapan’s Mildred Avenue K-8 to join him at the Appeals Court. The group was elated to spend an afternoon in the John Adams Courthouse and to connect with Justice Desmond for a “Mock Appeal” during which students gave oral argument in a case of pizza versus burgers.

TRAVELING JUSTICE: THE APPEALS COURT COMPLETES FALL OFFSITE SITTING TOUR



In October and November, the Appeals Court traveled far and wide to conduct offsite oral argument sittings. Destinations included the University of Massachusetts School of Law-Dartmouth, Western New England University School of Law-Springfield, Phillips Academy-Andover, and University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Offsite sittings are part of a continuing effort to broaden public awareness, understanding, and accessibility of the Massachusetts court system.

Chief Justice Mark V. Green and **Associate Justices James R. Milkey** and **Marguerite T. Grant** hearing oral argument before

Hosted by schools and universities, the fall offsite sittings provided meaningful opportunities to connect with students of

spectators at UMass Law-Dartmouth.



Justices Ariane D. Vuono, William J. Meade, and Maureen E. Walsh discuss their journeys to the bench at the Q&A following their sitting at Western New England University School of Law.



Justice Gabrielle R. Wolohojian, Justice Howard Whitehead (ret., Massachusetts Superior Court), Judge Daniel Dilorati (District Court), Judge Mary McCabe (District Court), and Associate **Justices Sookyoung Shin** and **Eric Neyman** during a panel discussion before alumni following the Phillips Academy-Andover sitting.

all ages, members of the bar, and local communities, especially during the justices' question and answer sessions. In these Q&A sessions that follow each offsite sitting's oral arguments, Appeals Court justices discuss their own career paths, their connections to the site of that day's oral arguments, questions volunteered by students, and more.

Additionally, Appeals Court court officers, representatives of the Administrative and Clerk's Offices, law clerks, and interns also attended the offsite sessions to assist with proceedings. Justices not in attendance continued to hear cases on appeal at the John Adams Courthouse in Boston.



Justices Paul Hart Smyth (first photo above, at left) and **Sabita Singh** (second photo above, at center) connecting with Legal Studies professors, including **Justice Judd J. Carhart (ret.)**, and undergraduate students over lunch following the UMass-Amherst sitting, which also included **Justice William J. Meade**.

APPEALS COURT JUSTICES ATTEND PORTRAIT UNVEILINGS



Pictured (L to R): **Justices Andrew M. D'Angelo, Joseph M. Ditkoff, Francis R. Fecteau (ret.), Amy Lyn Blake, James Lemire (ret.), Ariane D. Vuono, and Kathryn E. Hand**.

Appeals Court **Justices Ariane D. Vuono, Amy Lyn Blake, Joseph M. Ditkoff, Kathryn E. Hand, and Andrew M. D'Angelo** attended a portrait unveiling ceremony on October 25, 2023. The unveiled portrait, shown above and to the right of the pictured group, is of Appeals Court **Justice James Lemire (ret.)** and is displayed at Worcester Superior Court, where he served prior to his Appeals Court appointment.



Pictured (L to R) **Justices Ariane D. Vuono, Judd J. Carhart (ret.), James R. Milkey, Paul Hart Smyth, and C. Jeffrey Kinder (ret.)**, Cristen Nagel (Staff Attorney), Ryan O'Hara (former Law Clerk), and Karen Demichele (Judicial Secretary).

Appeals Court **Justices Ariane D. Vuono, James R. Milkey, and Paul Hart Smyth** joined with former justices and staff on December 15, 2023 for a portrait unveiling honoring **Justice Judd J. Carhart (ret.)**. The portrait, pictured above, will be displayed at Hampshire County Superior Court, where Justice Carhart served prior his Appeals Court appointment.

CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY CASEY SILVIA PUBLISHED BY BOSTON BAR JOURNAL



Casey Silvia's article "[*Breath Test Litigation Update: A New Framework for Assessing OUI Convictions Impacted by the Office of Alcohol Testing's Misconduct*](#)" was published in the *Fall 2023 Vol. 68 #1* issue of the Boston Bar Journal. It discusses the framework created by the Supreme Judicial Court in [*Commonwealth v. Hallinan*](#), 491 Mass. 730 (2023), regarding cases potentially affected by misconduct at the Office of Alcohol Testing ("OAT").

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